

REMARKS

Reconsideration and allowance are respectfully requested in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks.

Claims 12-15 and 21-23 remain in this application. Claims 1-11, 16-20, and 24-32 have been canceled.

Claim 18 was rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Ramalho et al in view of Leighton et al. and further in view of Applicant's admitted prior art. Claims 19 and 20 were rejected under 35 USC 103 as being unpatentable over Ramalho et al in view of Leighton et al. Claims 18-20 have been canceled.

The Examiner indicated that claims 12-15 and 21-23 were allowed.

In view of the above, Applicants respectfully request that a Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

Respectfully submitted,

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